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Ex_parte APOSTOLOS VOUTSAS

Application No. 09/893,866

ORDER RETURNING UNDOCKETED APPEAL TO EXAMINER

This application was received at the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences on April 22, 2003. A review of the application has revealed that the application is not ready for docketing as an appeal. Accordingly, the application is herewith being returned to the examiner. The matters requiring attention prior to docketing are identified below:

Appellant filed an amendment on September 19, 2002 (Paper No. 7). In an Advisory Action mailed on October 2, 2002 (Paper No. 8), the examiner informed appellant that the amendment would not be entered and stated his reasons therein. However, it appears from a review of the record that the amendment filed on September 19, 2002 (Paper No. 7) was erroneously entered.

Moreover, the Appendix of Claims to the Brief does not contain a correct copy of claims 6, 9, 19 and 22.

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Accordingly, it is

ORDERED that the application is returned to the examiner for taking corrective action on the amendment filed on September 19, 2002 (Paper No. 7), for notifying appellant to submit a correct copy of claims 6, 9, 19 and 22, or for the examiner to provide a correct copy of the aforementioned claims, and for such further action as may be appropriate.

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